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NOTES

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THE various cities of the German empire, with an abundance of local color and traditions, are faithfully described in *Geschichten von Deutschen Städten*, by Menco Stern, announced by American Book Company. The book is intended for intermediate and advanced grades, and is carefully edited, with complete vocabulary. Among other recent announcements by this company are *Mellick's Latin Composition*, by Anna Cole Mellick, for classes reading Cæsar, also *Macbeth*, edited by Charlotte Porter and Helen A. Clarke.

Das Urtheil des Paris, by the distinguished German writer, Adolf Wilbrandt has been edited with introduction and notes by A. G. Wirt, Professor of German in the University of Denver, and is in press for immediate issue by D. C. Heath & Co. The story abounds in decidedly modern colloquial expressions, and should prove entertaining and useful. These publishers also announce for immediate issue Wichert's *Als Verlobte empfehlen sich*—edited with introduction, notes and vocabulary for first year reading in college, or second year reading in schools, by Professor George T. Flom of the University of Iowa.

THE question of the relation of the colleges to the high schools is beginning to agitate eastern educational circles more vigorously. In a recent address in New York city Dr. Stanley Hall pleaded for what he termed the emancipation of the high school. He claimed that the high schools were suffering because their courses and graduation requirements were dictated from above. He said the principle should be adopted that high-school teachers should have the authority to say when and how their pupils were ready for their college courses. The *School Journal*, in a recent issue, said in speaking of an association of colleges and preparation schools:

Strictly high-school problems are tolerantly enough accorded a place on the program now and then, but they are considered rather a bore unless they refer to college preparation. One chief purpose of the most recent meeting held at Syracuse during Thanksgiving week was apparently to let the collected preparatory school people know what college presidents and professors expected of them.

THE University of Chicago Press announces for immediate publication the first of the Decennial Publications of the University, which have been planned in connection with the celebration of the completion of the first ten years of the corporate existence of the institution. In general, the series will set forth and exemplify the material and intellectual growth of the University during its first decade, and will consist of ten volumes, which are now in an advanced stage of preparation. The first two volumes will contain the President's Report to the Board of Trustees on matters of administration. The last eight volumes will consist of separate articles by representative members of the faculty, containing the results of original research in many fields. The lines of study represented in general will be Philosophy and Education, the Political and Social Sciences, History, the Languages and Literatures of the Old and New Testaments, Theology and Church History, the Classical Languages and Archæology, Sanskrit and Comparative Philology, the Romance and Germanic Languages, English, Mathematics, Astronomy and Astrophysics, and the Physical and Biological Sciences. The various articles of the volumes will be issued and circulated in separate form, and will constitute valuable contributions to science. The volumes will be issued in quarto form, $8\frac{3}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{8}$ inches. The first of the investigations, which has just appeared, is a monograph by Albert A. Michelson, professor and head of the Department of Physics, entitled *The Velocity of Light*. Professor Michelson's researches on this subject while at the United States Naval Academy attracted wide attention among physicists. Following the line of his entire experiments he now describes a new method by which the velocity

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